Average output of Salt in Tamaracolam Factories.

191. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the average annual production of salt per acre in the Tamaracolam salt factories from 1085 to 1100?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to Appendix XIV of the Administration Reports of the Excise Department for those years.

Grant of Remissions to Licensees.

192. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any remission has been granted to any of the licensees from 1090 to 1097, and if so, the names of the persons to whom such remission was granted and the amount of remissions granted and the year during which they were granted?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the licensees to whom remissions were granted from 1098 to 1100 and the amount of remission granted to each?

(*c*) Was it after making provision for recovering the charges due to the Government under establishment, contingencies, etc., that the remission was granted?

(*d*) Has remission been granted to any one without calculating and recovering these expenses? If so, will the Government be pleased to state the name of that licensee and also the amount of remission granted?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Statements* containing the information are laid on the table.

(*c*) and (*d*) As the remissions were still subject to the payment of duty on the quantity of salt remitted, there was no necessity for making provision for the recovery of the charges referred to.

Variyur Salt Factory.

193. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state when the Variyur salt factory was re-registered for the production of salt?

(*b*) Has the Government acquired the land? If so, at what cost?

(*c*) What is the present expenditure under establishment and contingencies?

(*d*) What is the expenditure on account of the construction of buildings necessary for the Variyur salt factory?

(*e*) What is the amount spent for the construction of the road to the Variyur salt factory?

(*f*) How much money is being realised annually by the 5 per cent. duty?

(*g*) What is the amount paid as *kudivaram*?

* *Vide* Appendices IX A & IX B—page 631.

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(*h*) How many maunds of salt are being produced annually in the Variyur salt factory since the commencement of salt cultivation there ?

(*i*) Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity proposed to be supplied to the Government out of that ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) In 1097.

(*b*) Yes. The expenditure for acquiring the proprietary right over the land was Rs. 2,521 Chs. 13 Cash 8 (non-recurring).

(*c*) The expenditure under establishment and contingent charges incurred for 1100 was Rs. 1,207.

(*d*) Rs. 1,147-24-0 (non-recurring).

(*e*) No new road has been constructed.

(*f*) During 1099, a sum of Bh. Rs. 279, and in 1100, a sum of Rs. 237 was realised.

(*g*) In 1099	...	...	Bh. Rs. 60.
In 1100	...	...	,, 198.
(*h*) In 1099	...	...	4,360 maunds.
In 1100	...	...	4,014 maunds.

(*i*) A quantity of 1,500 maunds of salt is due to the Government in any year in which the total manufacture is below 10,000 maunds, and 2,000 maunds when the manufacture is 10,000 maunds or more.

Agreements with the Licensees.

194. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : (*a*) Has the time for the delivery of salt due to the licensees been stipulated in the agreements executed by them ?

(*b*) If so, is *kudivaram* being paid accordingly after weighing the salt manufactured by them ?

(*c*) If such an agreement has been entered into with the licensees, is the contention raised in the reply to part (*b*) of question No. 87 [117], asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 17th Tulam 1099, that, according to the contract, the rules provide for the payment of *kudivaram* only at the time of the sale of salt due to the Government from the salt cultivators or at the time of its transport to other places for sale, applicable to the licensees ?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state who is responsible for the loss, if the salt manufactured according to the terms of the contract is damaged to any extent on account of failure to weigh and take delivery of it during the time stipulated in the contract ?

(*e*) Is the department paying *kudivaram* for the salt kept in the reserve stock after getting it weighed ?

(*f*) Is the salt in the reserve stock kept on the storage platform itself ? If so, is it the salt licensees who should bear the loss in the event of that salt being damaged ?

(*g*) On whom does the responsibility rest for the prevention of any damage by flood or otherwise to the salt stocked on the storage platform ?

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